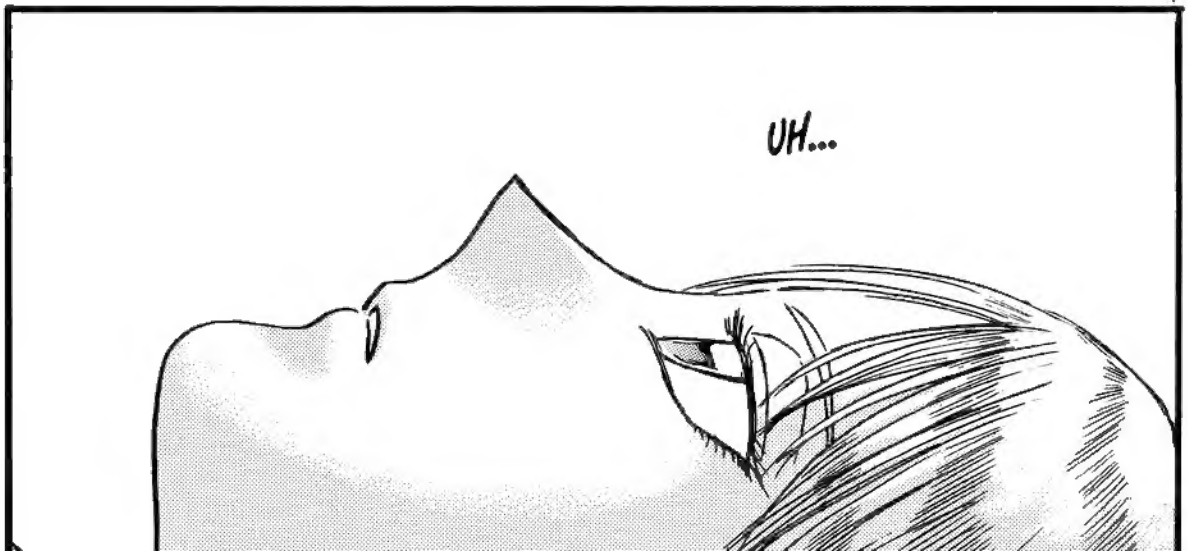
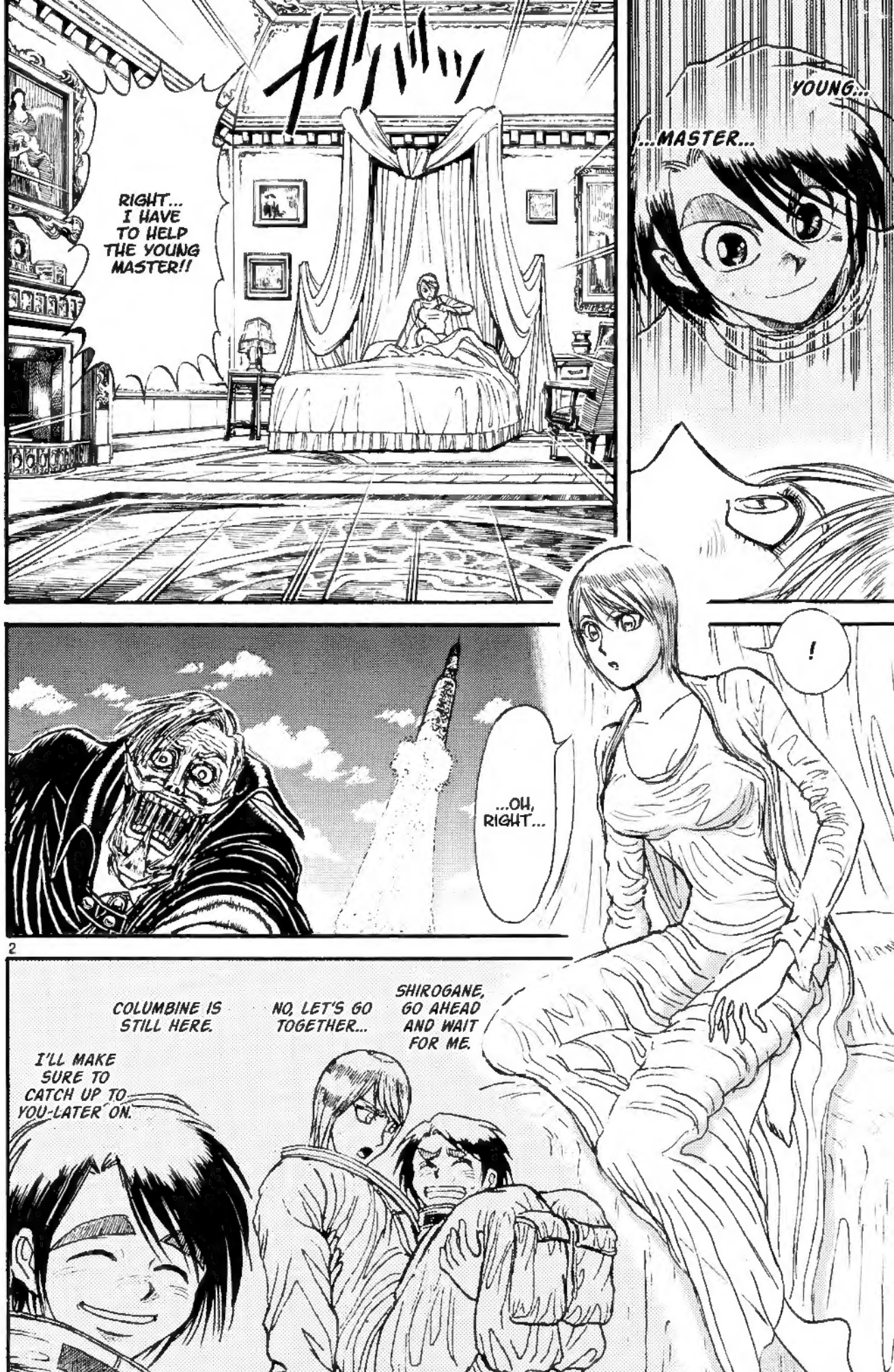
ACT 62 — IN THE GRAND DUCHY OF LOHENSTEIN

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RIGHT... I HAVE TO HELP THE YOUNG MASTER!!
YOUNG...
...MASTER...
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...OH, RIGHT...
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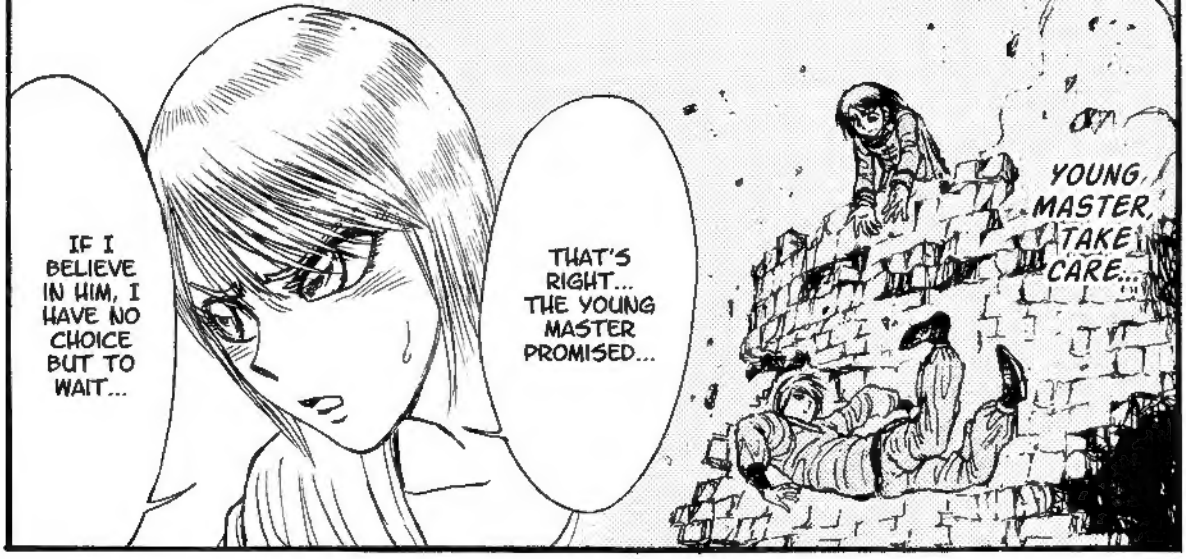
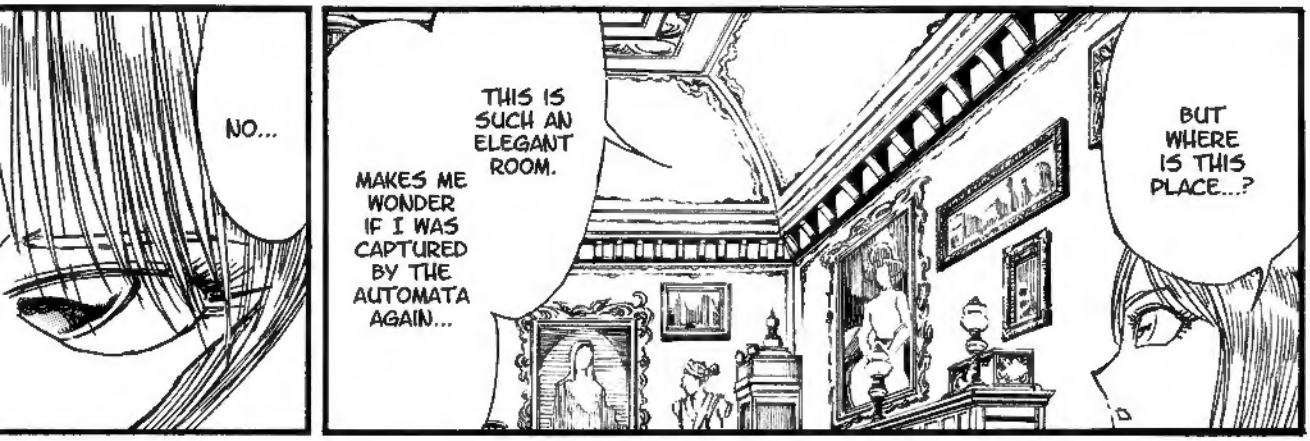
COLUMBINE IS STILL HERE.
NO, LET'S GO TOGETHER...
SHIROGANE, GO AHEAD AND WAIT FOR ME.
I'LL MAKE SURE TO CATCH UP TO YOU-LATER ON.


YOUNG MASTER, TAKE CARE...
THAT'S RIGHT... THE YOUNG MASTER PROMISED...
IF I BELIEVE IN HIM, I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO WAIT...


NO...
THIS IS SUCH AN ELEGANT ROOM.
MAKES ME WONDER IF I WAS CAPTURED BY THE AUTOMATA AGAIN...
BUT WHERE IS THIS PLACE...?

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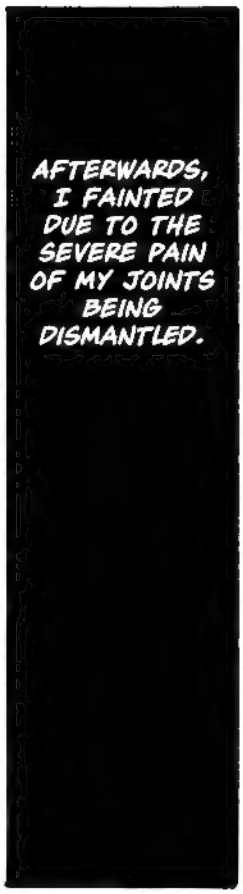
STILL... NARUMI CAUGHT ME...


AFTERWARDS, I FAINTED DUE TO THE SEVERE PAIN OF MY JOINTS BEING DISMANTLED.

...WAS NARUMI!
BACK THEN, I'M SURE THAT THE ONE WHO CAUGHT ME...

SHUT UP.
AH... WAIT A SECOND...

COME, FOU IS CALLING.
LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE HEALED...

AH...

NARUMI,
TO NOT GIVE LADY FRANCINE TIME TO DRESS HERSELF IS A DISPLAY OF UTTER RUDENESS.
WE'VE COME HERE TO PREVENT HUMANS FROM GETTING HURT AS PER HER ORDERS.
...HOWEVER, WE'LL FIGHT YOU ON THE SPOT IF YOU INSULT LADY FRANCINE.

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I HAVEN'T LET MY GUARD DOWN YET...
TCH, THEN HURRY UP, ELEONORE.

CORRECT... OUR PLACE TO SERVE IS WHEREVER OUR MILADY IS...

ARLECHINO... PANTALONE... YOU SWITCHED TO THE HUMAN SIDE...?

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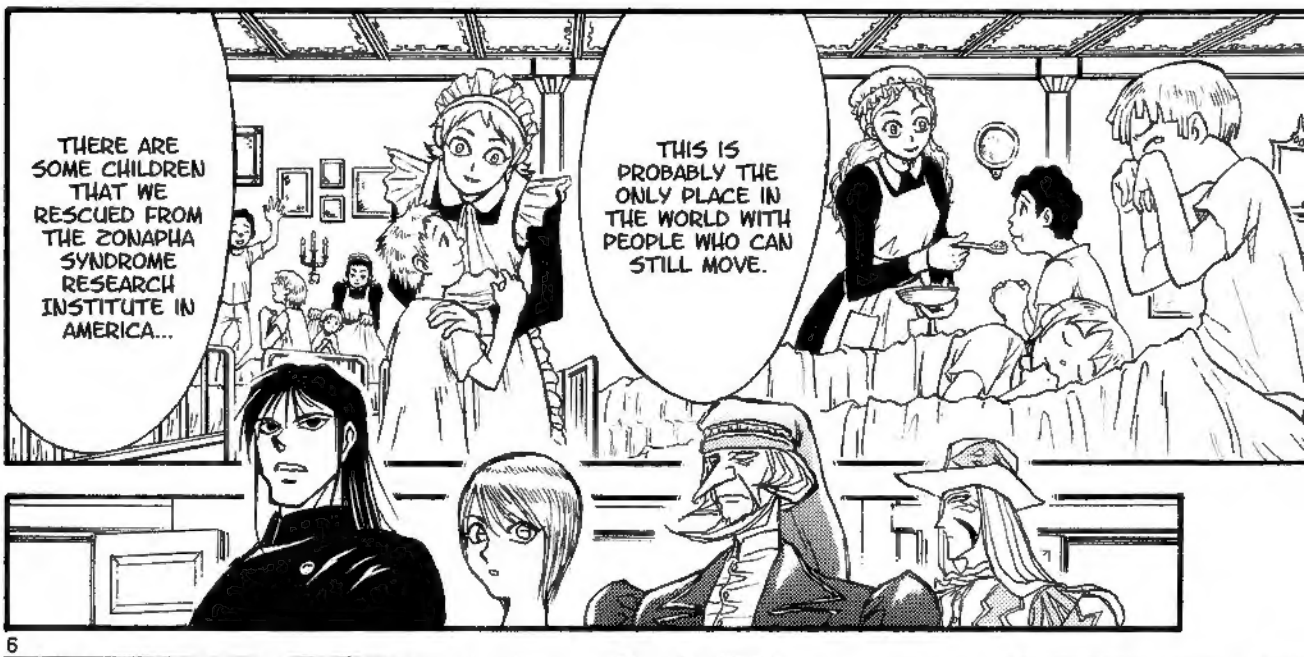
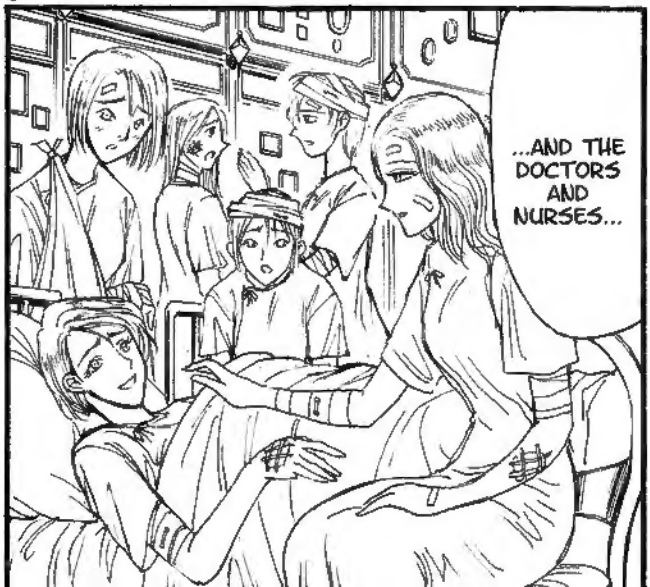
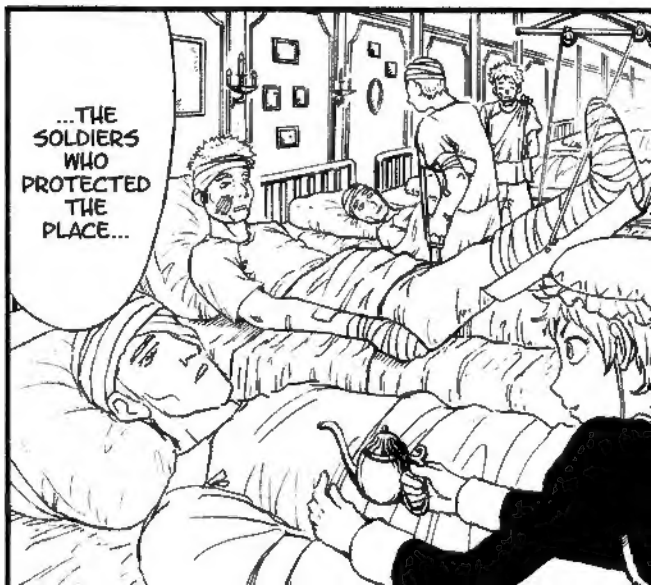
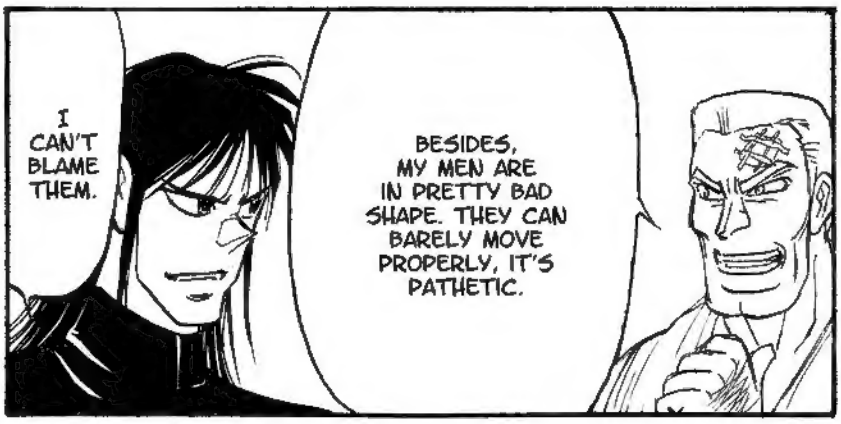

THERE ARE SOME CHILDREN THAT WE RESCUED FROM THE ZONAPHA SYNDROME RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN AMERICA...
THIS IS PROBABLY THE ONLY PLACE IN THE WORLD WITH PEOPLE WHO CAN STILL MOVE.

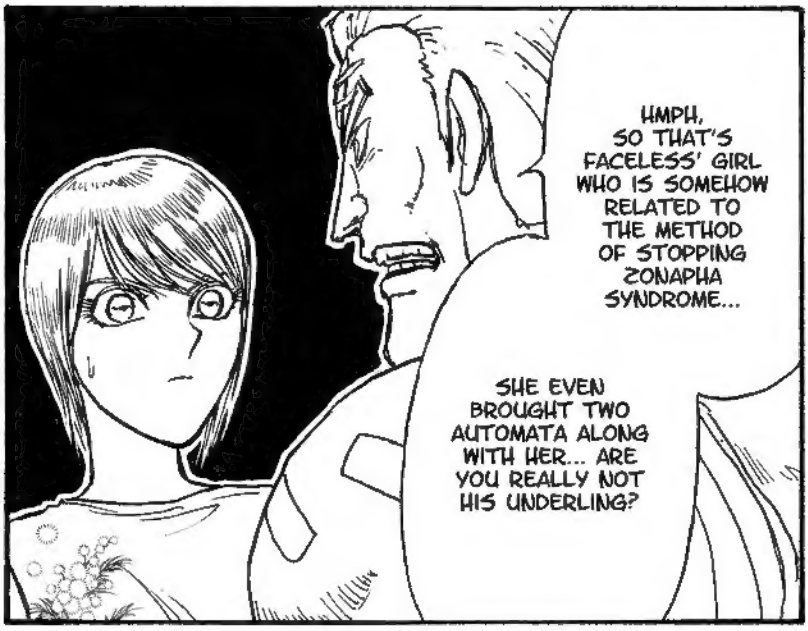

...AND THE DOCTORS AND NURSES...


...THE SOLDIERS WHO PROTECTED THE PLACE...

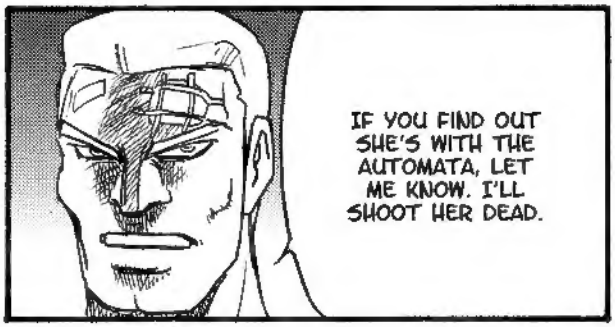
THERE'S ABOUT 200 PEOPLE WHO ESCAPED ZONAPHA AND ARE NOW HERE.
I'M GLAD A PLACE LIKE THIS EXISTS...
YEAH, IT'S THANKS TO OLD MAN FOU AND HIS ARRANGEMENT WITH THE OWNER OF THIS PLACE.
MR. FOU... THE EX-SHIROGANE BILLIONAIRE....
THE MAN WHO SAID I WAS THE REINCARNATION OF DOLL FRANCINE, RIGHT?
YOU MIGHT DENY IT, BUT TODAY WE'LL THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATE THAT MATTER.
.....!!
...THAT'S...
...WHAT I'M HOPING FOR.
HEY, NARUMI.
SERGEANT, HAVE YOUR WOUNDS HEALED?
SOMEWHAT. THIS MAID DOLL JUST WON'T SHUT UP.

...IS THAT HER...?

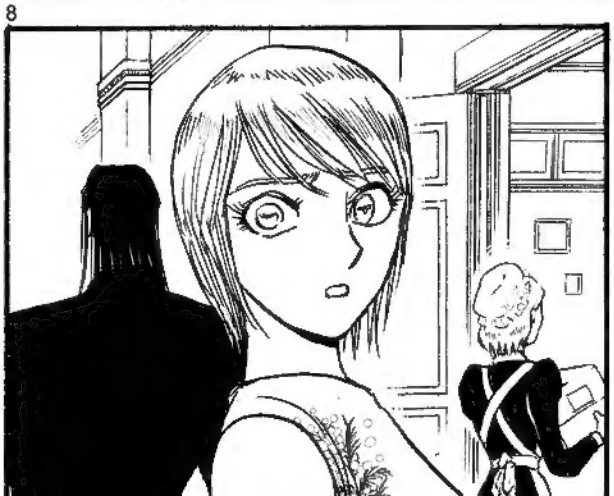

I CAN'T BLAME THEM.
BESIDES, MY MEN ARE IN PRETTY BAD SHAPE. THEY CAN BARELY MOVE PROPERLY, IT'S PATHETIC.

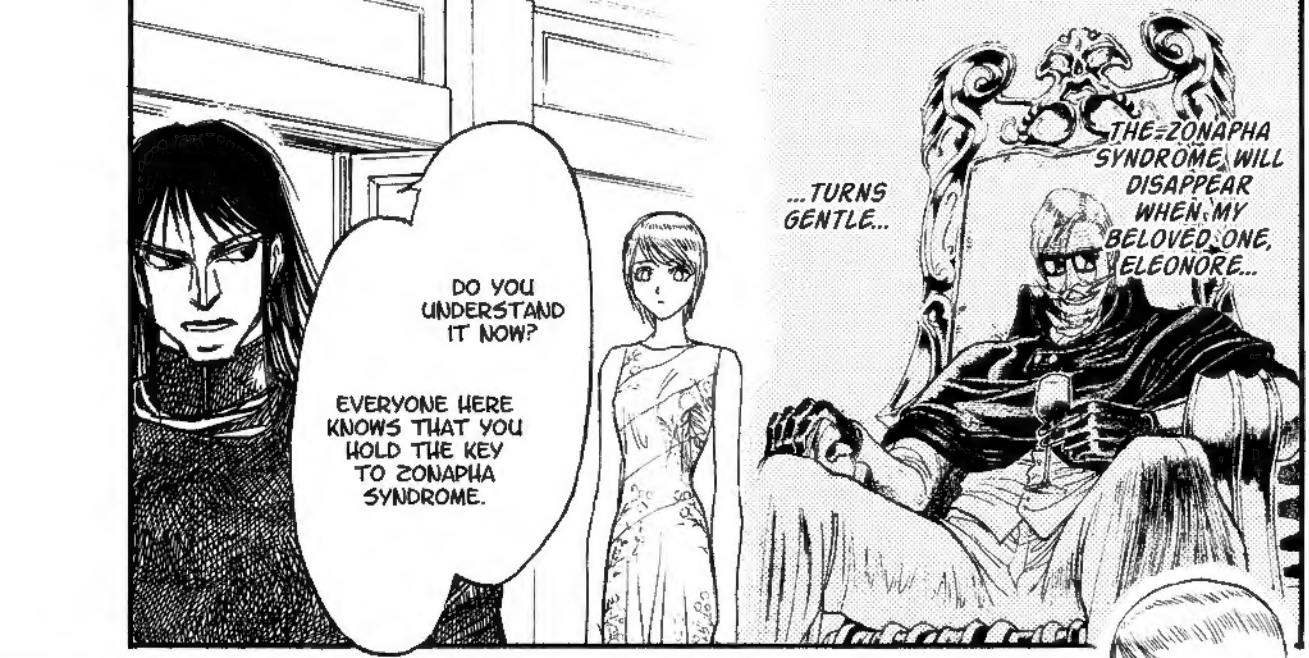

HMPH, SO THAT'S FACELESS' GIRL WHO IS SOMEHOW RELATED TO THE METHOD OF STOPPING ZONAPHA SYNDROME...
SHE EVEN BROUGHT TWO AUTOMATA ALONG WITH HER... ARE YOU REALLY NOT HIS UNDERLING?

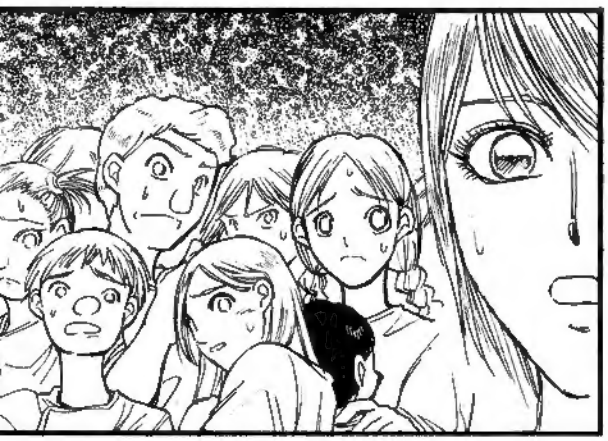
N-NICE TO MEET YOU...
YEAH...

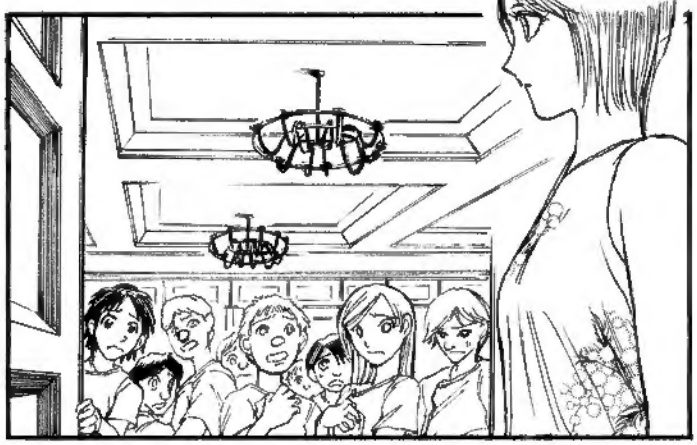

IF YOU FIND OUT SHE'S WITH THE AUTOMATA, LET ME KNOW. I'LL SHOOT HER DEAD.

NO... I...!
WE'LL TAKE HER TO FOU NOW SO WE CAN VERIFY THAT.

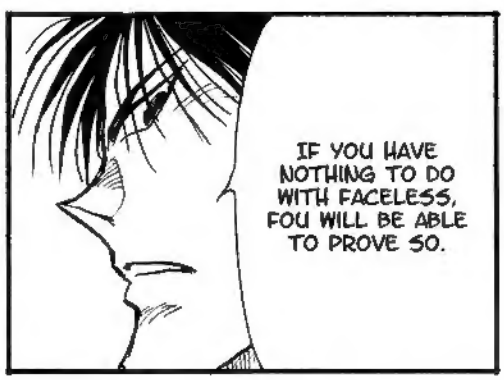


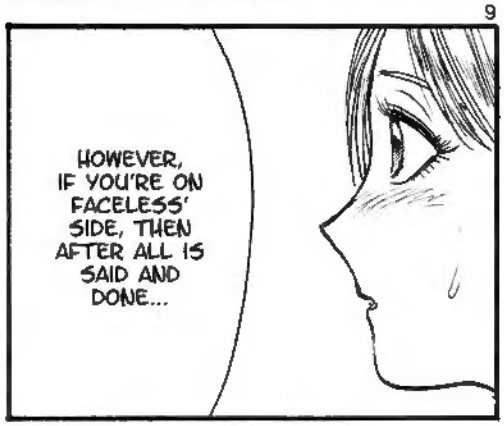

DO YOU UNDERSTAND IT NOW?
EVERYONE HERE KNOWS THAT YOU HOLD THE KEY TO ZONAPHA SYNDROME.
...TURNS GENTLE...
THE ZONAPHA SYNDROME WILL DISAPPEAR WHEN MY BELOVED ONE, ELEONORE...

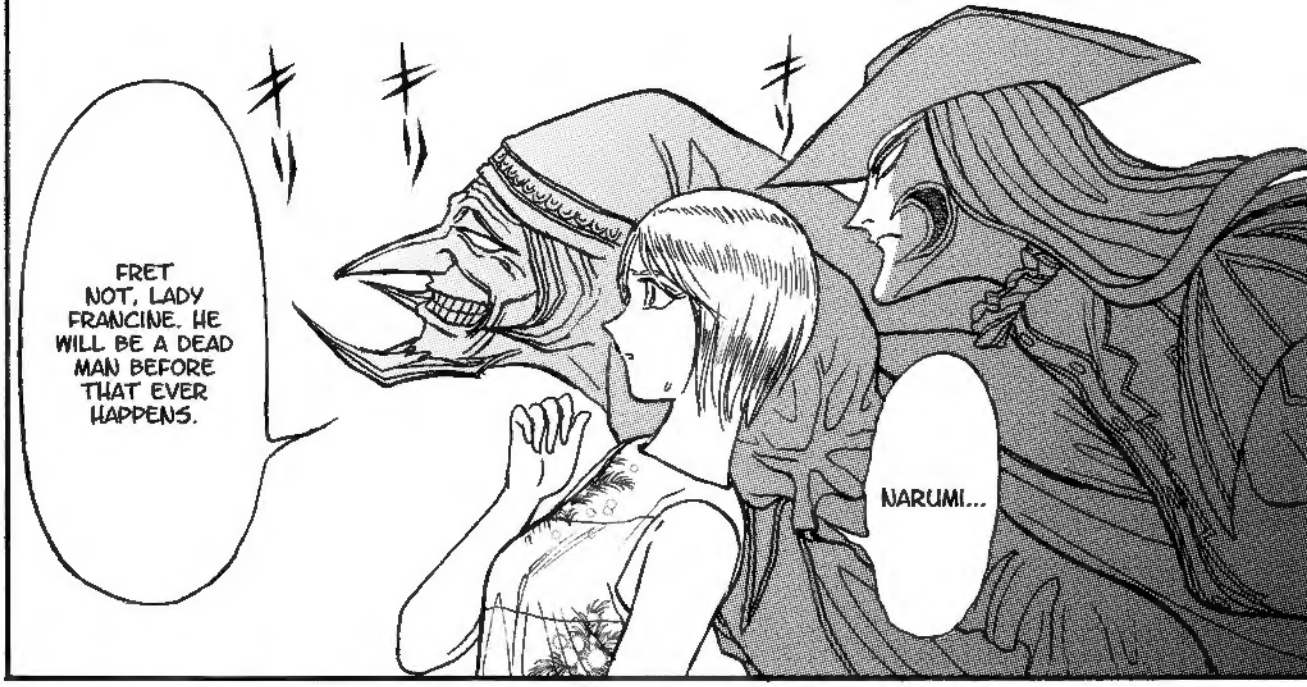




...I'LL KILL YOU.


IF YOU HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH FACELESS, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PROVE SO.


HOWEVER, IF YOU'RE ON FACELESS' SIDE, THEN AFTER ALL IS SAID AND DONE...


FRET NOT, LADY FRANCINE. HE WILL BE A DEAD MAN BEFORE THAT EVER HAPPENS.
NARUMI...

DID I... YOUNG MASTER...

I KNOW... I'LL TAKE YOU ON.

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...RETURN JUST TO BE HATED BY NARUMI AGAIN...?

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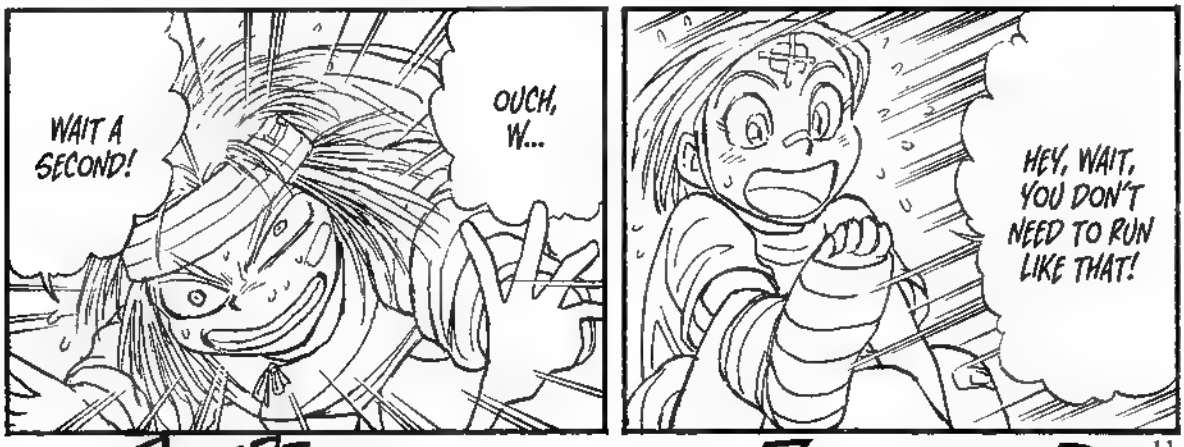
WAIT A SECOND!
OUCH, W...
HEY, WAIT, YOU DON'T NEED TO RUN LIKE THAT!

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SHIROGANE!!
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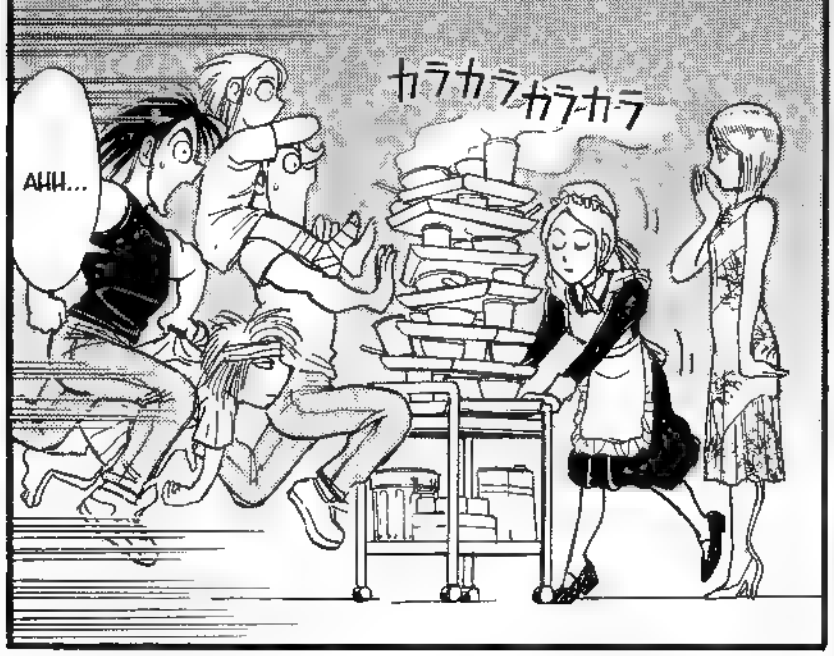
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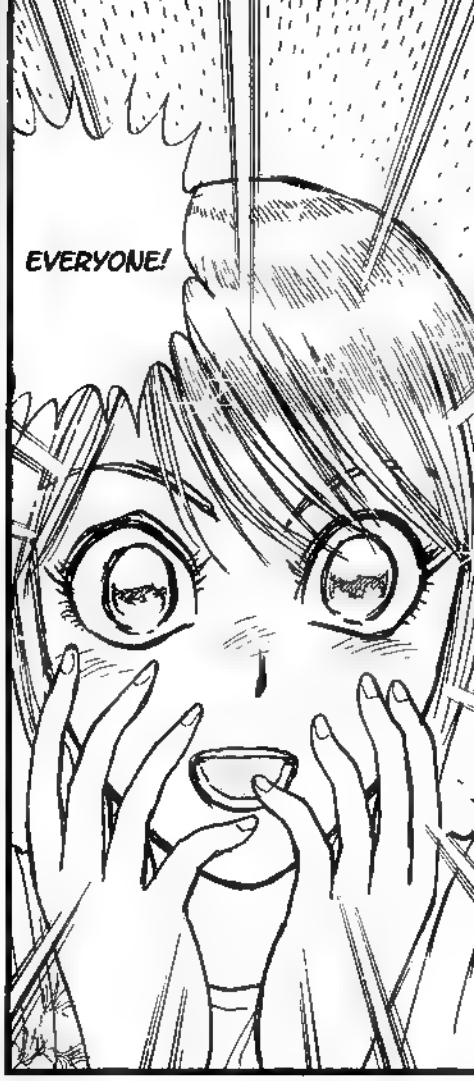
EVERYONE!

SHIROGANE, I'M GLAD YOU MADE IT BACK IN ONE PIECE.
THE HECK ARE THEY DOIN'?
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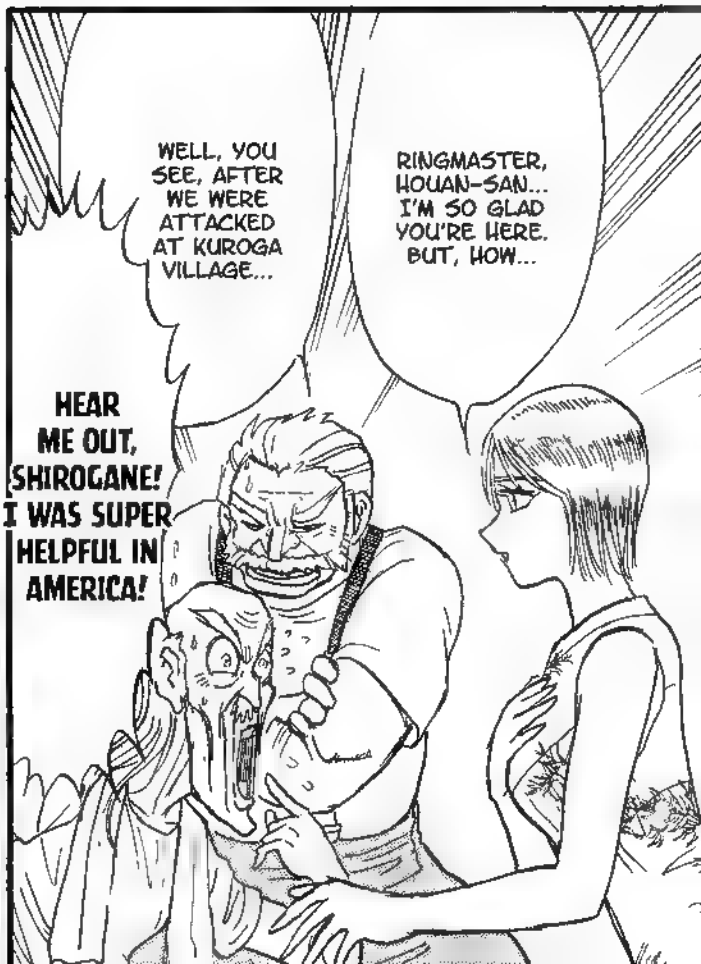
I WENT TO THE ZONAPHA HOSPITAL, AND THERE WERE A BUNCH OF DOLLS...
A HELI-COPTER CAME FROM ABOVE...


WELL, YOU SEE, AFTER WE WERE ATTACKED AT KUROGA VILLAGE...
RINGMASTER, HOUAN-SAN... I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE. BUT, HOW...
HEAR ME OUT, SHIROGANE! I WAS SUPER HELPFUL IN AMERICA!

EXCUSE ME... PLEASE, SPEAK ONE AT A TIME, IF POSSIBLE...
THEN IN LONDON WE GOT HARRY FROM BLOM BLOM LOW AND WE MET FOU AND WE...

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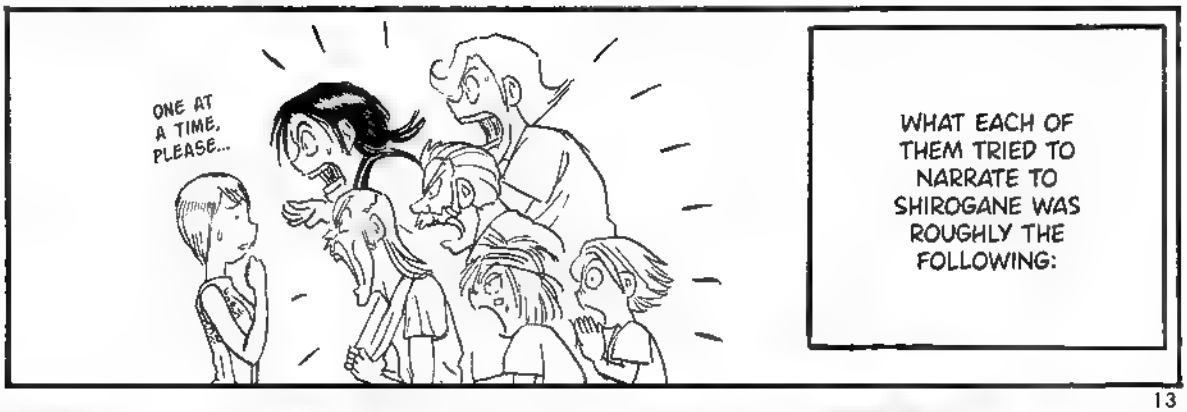
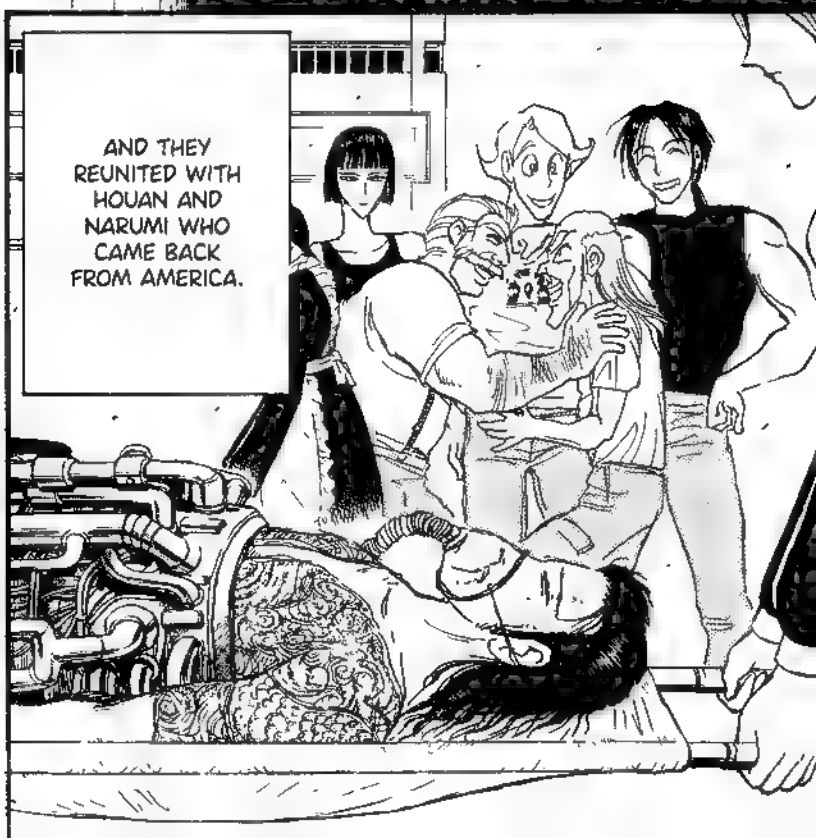
...EVERY-ONE...
BUT WE ARE SO HAPPY...
AREN'T YOU TWO ADULTS? KEEP YOUR COOL, MAN...
MY BAD...
I ALMOST SPRAINED MY LEG AGAIN!

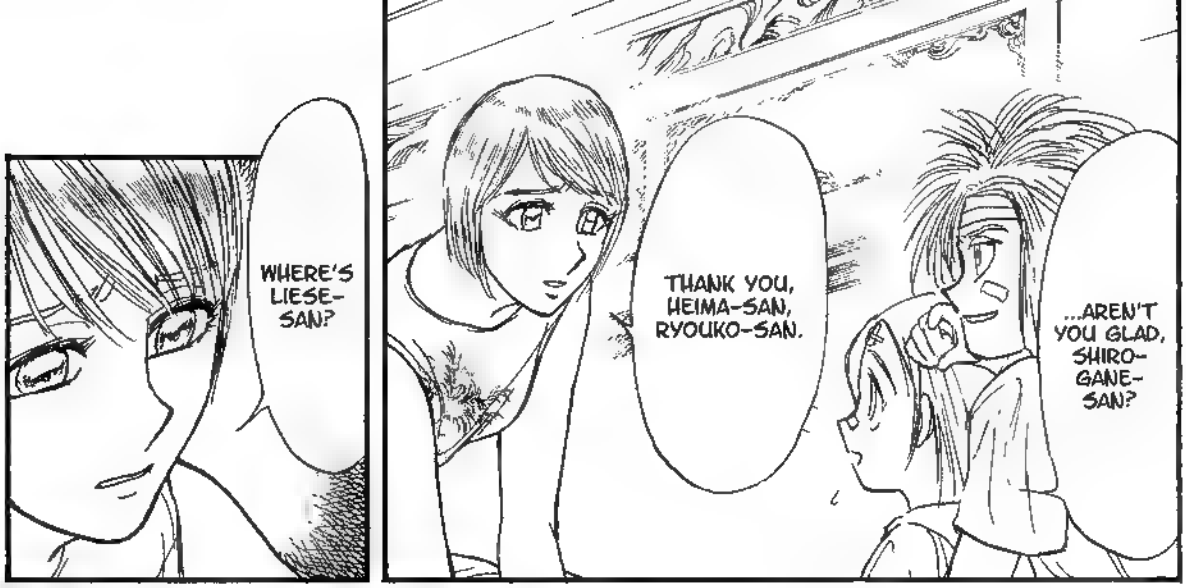

ONE AT A TIME, PLEASE...
WHAT EACH OF THEM TRIED TO NARRATE TO SHIROGANE WAS ROUGHLY THE FOLLOWING:

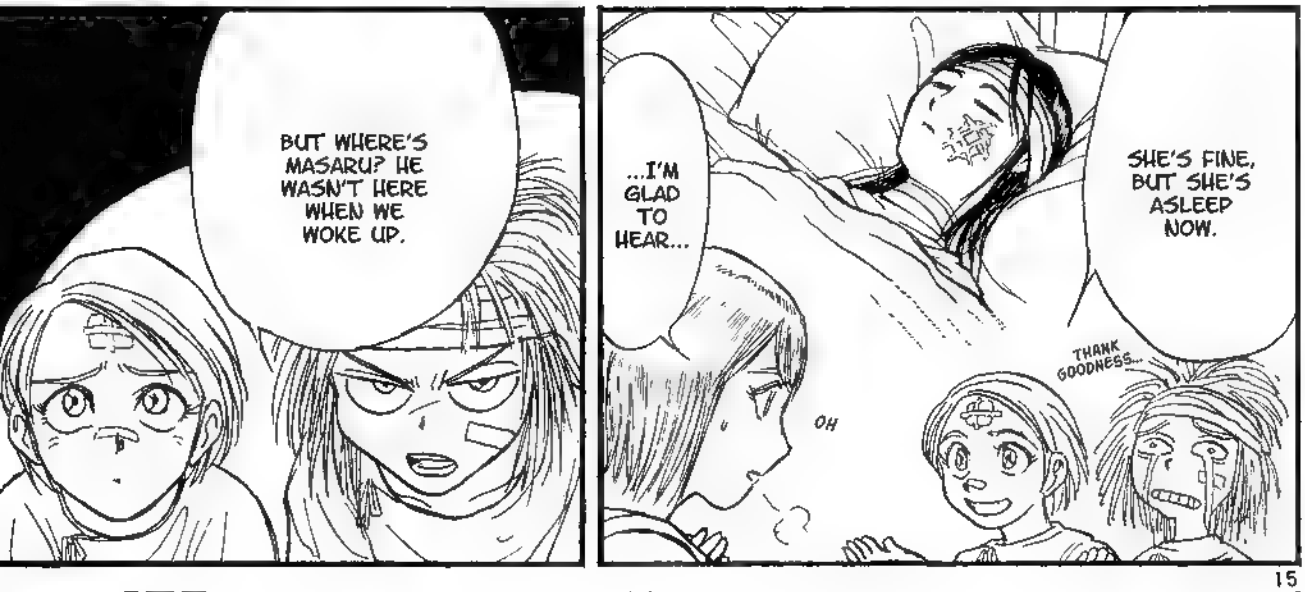
...THE MEMBERS OF THE NAKAMACHI CIRCUS, NAKAMACHI, NORI, HIRO, MITSUUSHI, NAOTA AND VILMA, ALL SIX OF THEM...
AFTER THE FIGHT IN KUROGA VILLAGE...
...AND AFTER HEIMA, RYOUKO AND LIESE PURSUED MASARU...

...AND BROUGHT THEM TO ENGLAND.
...HAD THEIR SURVIVAL CONFIRMED BY THE ROBOT-CAMERAS "EYESECTS."
FOU PREPARED FOR THEIR RESCUE...

HUH? RIGHT, WHERE DID THEY RUN OFF TO?
IS THAT SO... BY THE WAY, WHERE'S MITSUUSHI-SAN AND NAOTA-SAN?


AND THEY REUNITED WITH HOUAN AND NARUMI WHO CAME BACK FROM AMERICA.


WHERE'S LIESE-SAN?
THANK YOU, HEIMA-SAN, RYOUKO-SAN.
...AREN'T YOU GLAD, SHIRO-GANE-SAN?


BUT WHERE'S MASARU? HE WASN'T HERE WHEN WE WOKE UP.
...I'M GLAD TO HEAR...
SHE'S FINE, BUT SHE'S ASLEEP NOW.
OH
THANK GOODNESS...

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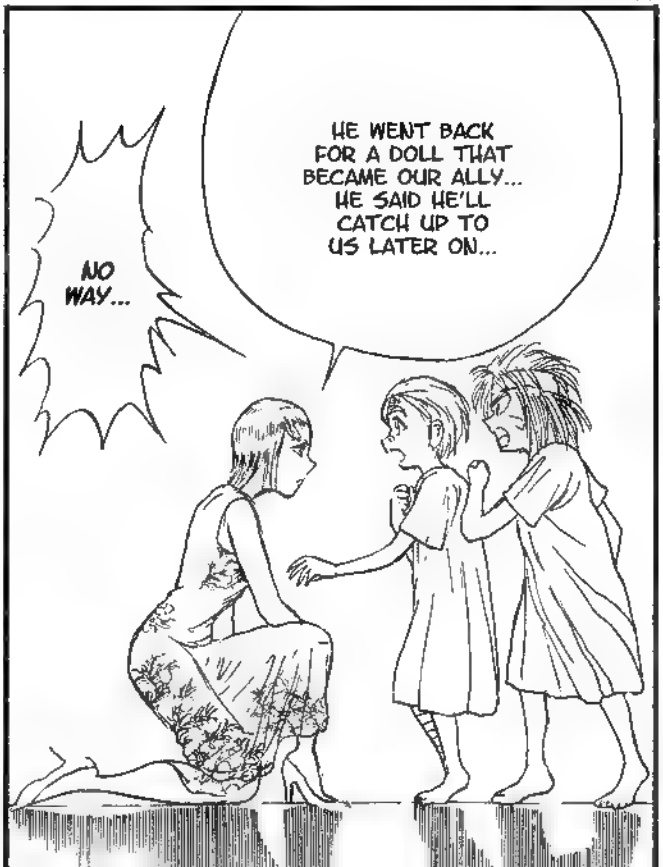
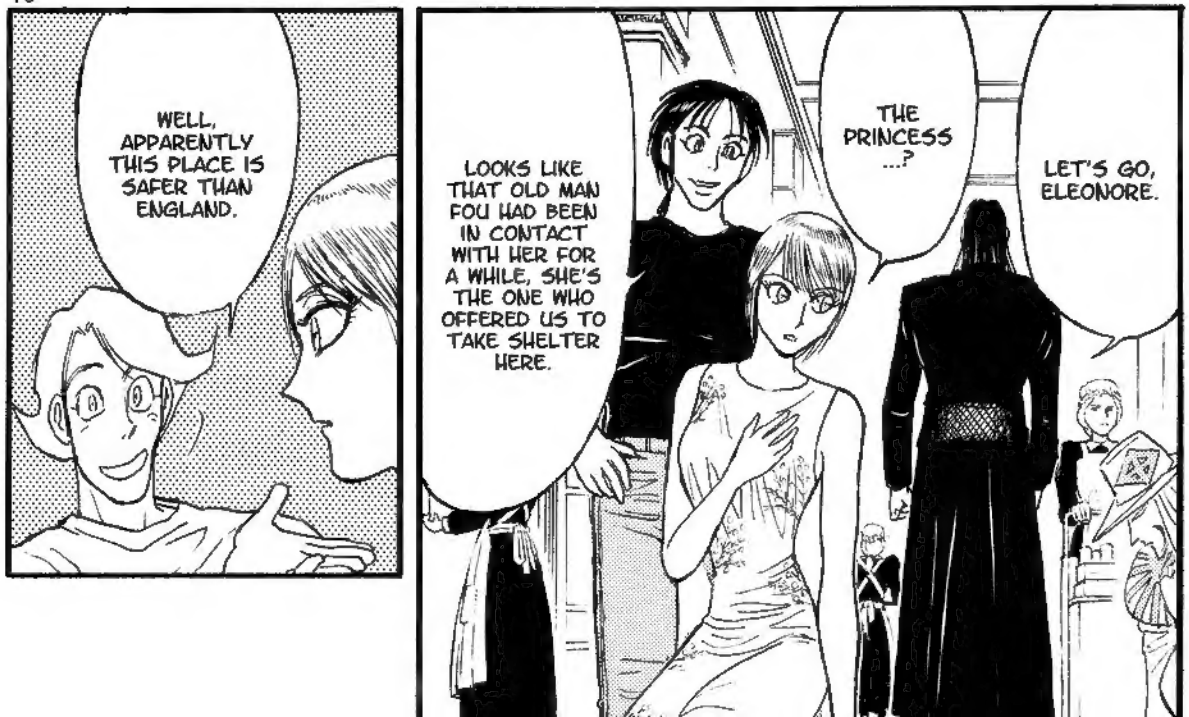
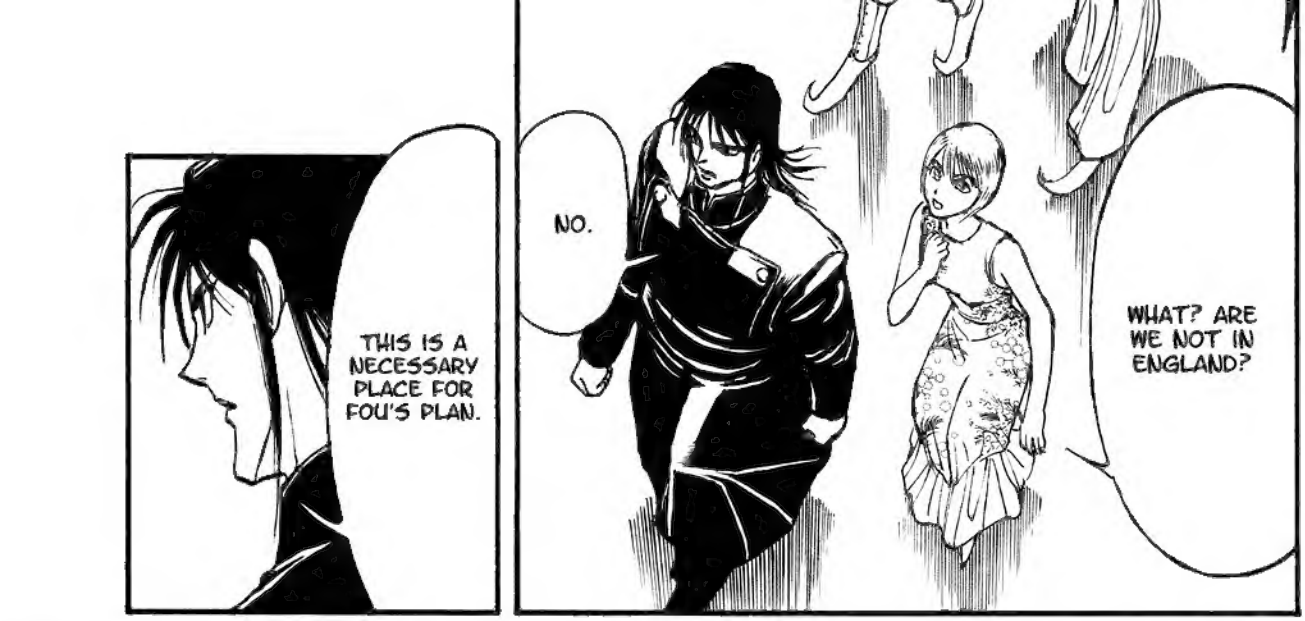
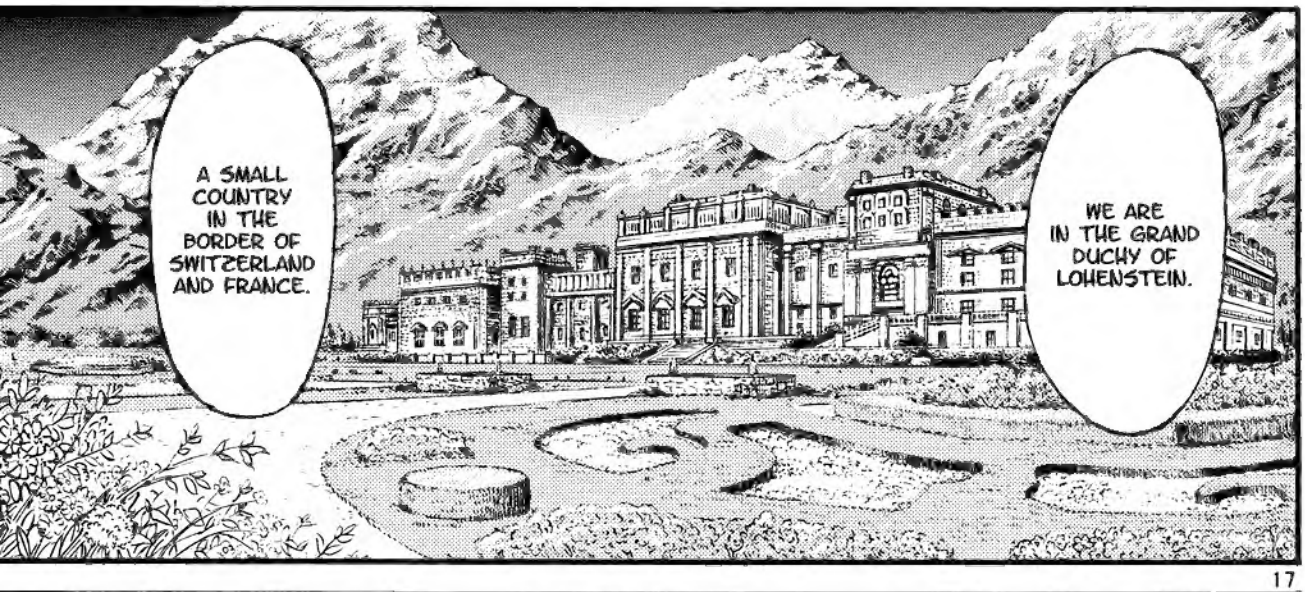
I BELIEVE IN HIM.
I'M WORRIED, BUT ALL WE CAN DO IS WAIT FOR THE YOUNG MASTER.

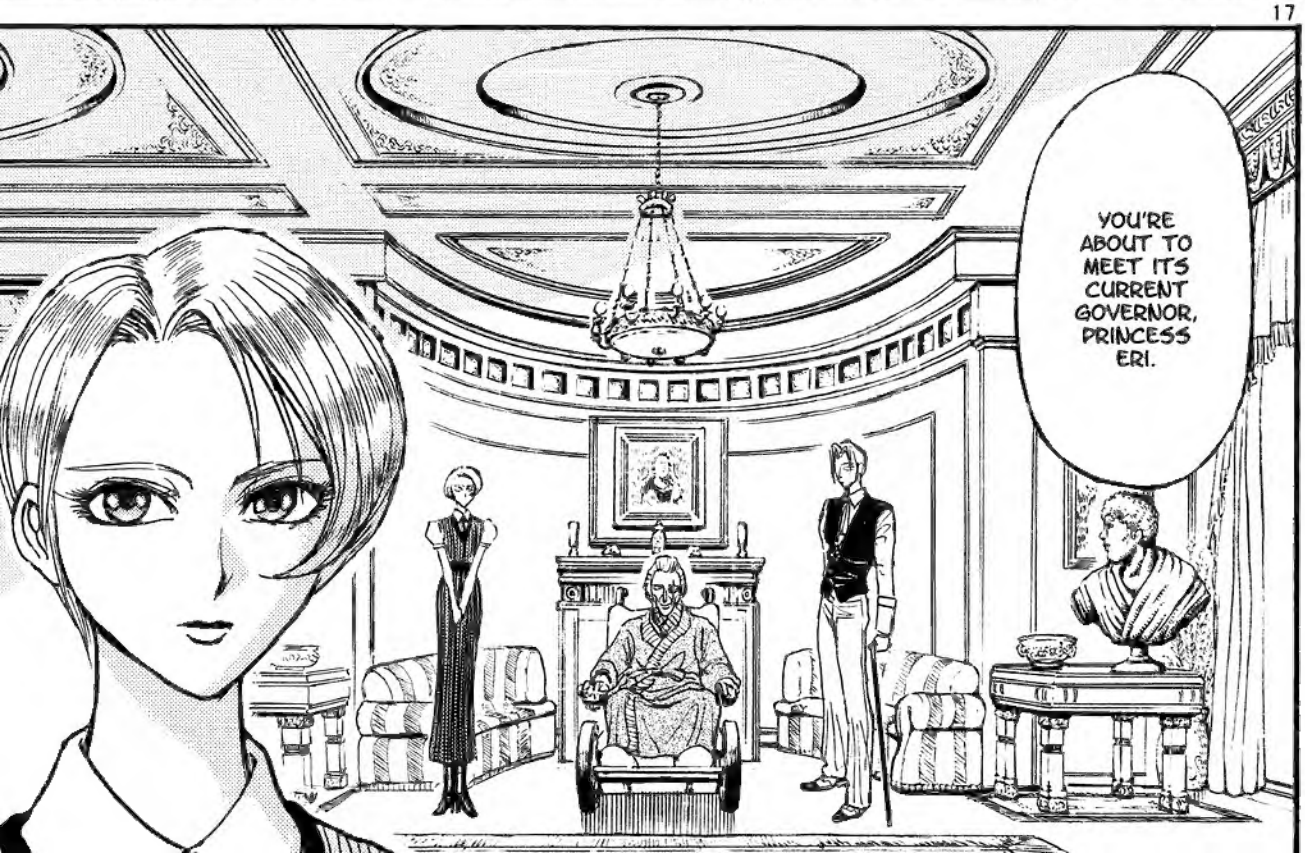

HE WENT BACK FOR A DOLL THAT BECAME OUR ALLY... HE SAID HE'LL CATCH UP TO US LATER ON...
NO WAY...

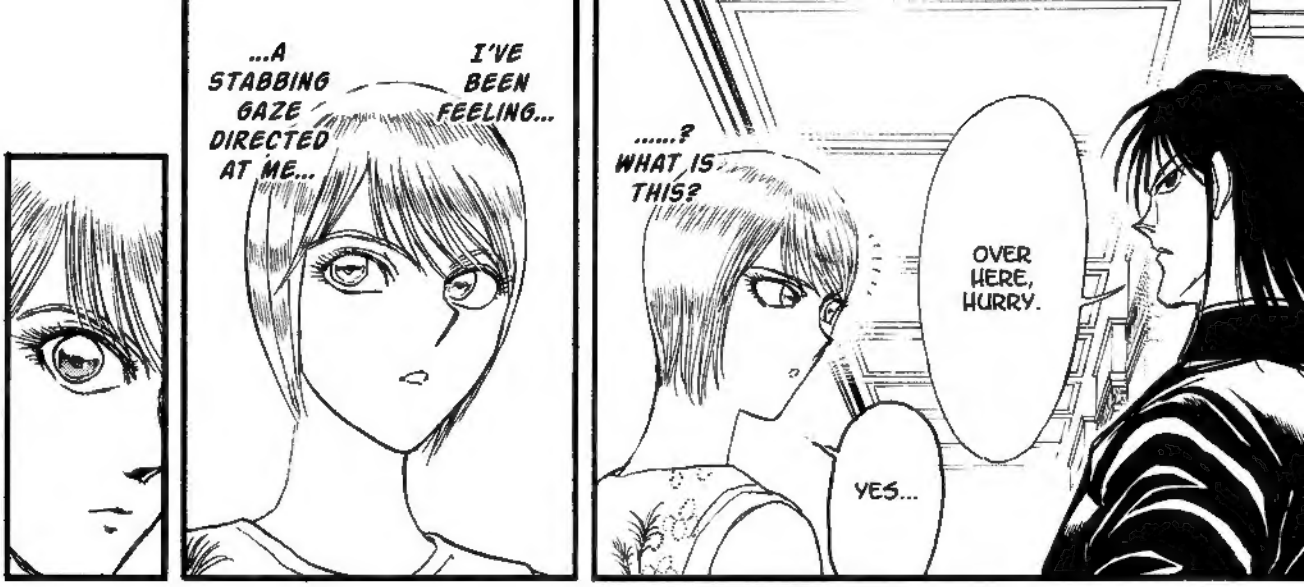
WELCOME BACK, SHIROGANE.
STOP THAT!
YOU'RE ACTING COOL AGAIN...!
HE SHOULD BE FINE.
I SEE. IF THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY, SHIROGANE...
THE PRINCESS IS THERE TOO.
OKAY.
NARUMI, FOU AND GUY ARE WAITING.
VILMA!

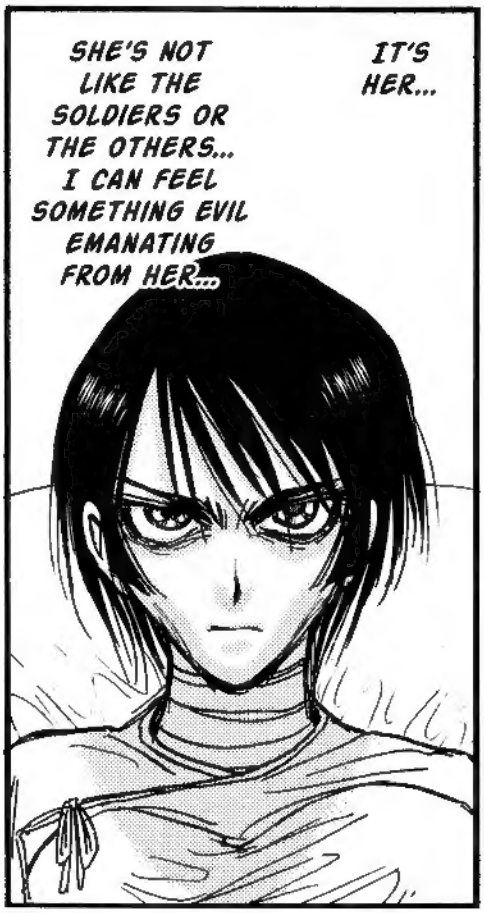

WELL, APPARENTLY THIS PLACE IS SAFER THAN ENGLAND.
LOOKS LIKE THAT OLD MAN FOU HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH HER FOR A WHILE, SHE'S THE ONE WHO OFFERED US TO TAKE SHELTER HERE.
THE PRINCESS ...?
LET'S GO, ELEONORE.


THIS IS A NECESSARY PLACE FOR FOU'S PLAN.
NO.
WHAT? ARE WE NOT IN ENGLAND?


A SMALL COUNTRY IN THE BORDER OF SWITZERLAND AND FRANCE.
WE ARE IN THE GRAND DUCHY OF LOHENSTEIN.


YOU'RE ABOUT TO MEET ITS CURRENT GOVERNOR, PRINCESS ERI.


...A STABBING GAZE DIRECTED AT ME...
I'VE BEEN FEELING...
.....? WHAT IS THIS?
OVER HERE, HURRY.
YES...


SHE'S NOT LIKE THE SOLDIERS OR THE OTHERS... I CAN FEEL SOMETHING EVIL EMANATING FROM HER...
IT'S HER...

WHO IS SHE?

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SEE YOU NEXT STAGE